

642 South Fourth Avenue (Commercial Building)
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Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

HABS No. KY-175

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
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Department of the Interior
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Kentucky	COUNTY Jefferson	TOWN OR VICINITY Louisville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Commercial Building-642 South Fourth Avenue (<u>Caron Directory</u>)		HABS NO. KY-175
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 642 S. Fourth Avenue		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 642 S. Fourth Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1912 (<u>Caron Directory</u>)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This structure typifies the interest in glazed brick and terra cotta popular for commercial buildings in the city in the early 20th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial with Classical Revival influences		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with steel framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 40' x 135' --three stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The upper 2 stories are sheathed in white, glazed bricks. Terra cotta decoration of classical motifs articulate the window pairs. More massive terra cotta ornament adorns the parapet.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The floor plan is generally one of open interior space for showroom on the first floor and for storage on the upper floors.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The current first floor alteration dates from the 1950s or 1960s.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition, is currently occupied by a furniture store.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) <u>Caron Directory of the City of Louisville.</u> Louisville: C. K. Caron, 1909-20 Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Marty Hedgepeth Director of Research Louisville Landmarks Commission		DATE March, 1983

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